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## THE GLASGOW SUNDAY. A MIGHTY PEOPLE-AND THEIR DULL CITY.

A special commissioner of the *Observer* is writing a series of articles on Scotland to-day, and of Glasgow he says:—"There isn't much excitement to-day," said the hotel liftman apologetically on Sunday morning. "He was right. The Glasgow Sunday was much as ever—a day when the stimulus of work was withdrawn and the combined weight of dreary architecture and negative morality sat heavy upon the soul."

Glasgow is not a city to dream in, and when its industry imported the Irishman, who must have his dreaming-time, it took to itself a full cargo of social discontent. A scheme of life based on "dear and grace" ("Let Glasgow flourish by the preaching of the Word") could not assimilate a race touched to lighter, if not to finer, issues. The Irish submission was a slow and sour one, mitigated by shab-washing and its crude consolations. But there were others who could not fill the void of the Sabbath with gluttonous "diets of worship," and became the sullen prisoners of the inelastic code. Unction and ugliness turned many a mild and harmless bohemian into a social malcontent. There was once a little girl who resigned herself to the prospect of reaching Heaven only by the hope that she might occasionally go out and play with the little devils. It must be a very strong-minded people among whom the Glasgow Sunday would not win the little devils some popularity. Though there is counter-restraint, in no city are "temptations" of any kind less tempting. In Glasgow, if nowhere else.

Vice is a monster of such frightful mien.

As to be hated, needs but to be seen. The concrete result seems to be, in football terms, a draw. Glasgow has little ill behaviour, but a heavy load of boredom for those who come short of its own praefervidum ingenium.

The two classes tend to sharpen their respective features by mutual resentment. A Saturday evening paper prices, and there and a half of church notices, in Glasgow is more intense church-going in Glasgow to-day than in any other Scottish city. That I take to be in part a reaction to the Irish question. The Presbyterian is moved to assert himself, much as one will attend the English Church in a foreign resort (by way of "showing the flag") who would scarcely think of doing so at home.

### THE CITY'S ACTIVITIES.

But Sunday only accentuates that starvation of the senses which on weekdays persecutes every unoccupied hour. There is so little to please the eye, so little pattern of life to excite the interest, so little self-expression in the collective movement, so much that is featureless in the spectacle. The lack of tradition is strangely vivid in a leading thoroughfare like Argyle Street. For all its size and bustle it has the air of some far Western town in which no standards are yet established, and where the newest arrival might as easily set the fashion as the oldest inhabitant. "Gear and grace" have yet to slip the moulding of these million lives. No other formative vision has taken their place. Highly-prized respectability and hang-dog indifference confront each other unreactively, each on the defensive.

But what a power of mind, heart, and will is concealed behind this surface so lacking in carriage, gesture, and art-form! The crossword puzzles in Glasgow newspapers are addressed to a strenuous people. The London crossword is a mere flattering digestive. The Glasgow variety at once diversifies the blood-stream to the cortex—where every physician will tell you is a thing to be avoided after dinner. Such straws show how the wind blows. Wherever you go with serious purpose you meet purposeful Intelligence and efficiency. Whether it is a big draper explaining why "narrow foretops make bad stock," a caterer describing his employment of Industrial Psychology, a shipping firm displaying their organisation, or a public official giving you the "hang" of his department, there is the same concise and lucid expression, the same forceful enthusiasm, the same receptiveness and deliberation keeping pace with action. The Glasgow Corporation is something of which no one can speak lightly. Its tramways make up taxi almost a superfluous institution. It has got the factory chimney under such control that the smoke problem has been reduced to that of the domestic hearth and what is blown across the city is from neighbouring and more negligent areas. It has torn out masses of building to give the air-space which last century thought a vain thing: it builds new houses that are cheerful and civilising, and I cannot believe that it would not empty the slums at a rapid pace if Labour gave it a fair chance. The Socialists constantly cite its achievement as an argument for Collectivism, and they certainly have recourse to many a worse.

### INDIVIDUAL GOOD WILL.

Although the city's note is one of heaviness, administration has none of that failing. The Poor Law regime is, like the municipality, flexible in resource and buoyed with imagination. The Woodilee Asylum, on its airy site, seems to be governed with as light a touch as the delightful day nursery and kindergarten with which the Corporation mitigates the Cowcaddens. But for diffused individual goodwill Glasgow takes a place by itself. Are you making an appointment by telephone with a business man's secretary? Before you have finished she will have found you are a stranger, given you your route, and told you where to change trams. Everywhere one meets with not only courtesy, but real, willing, interested help: it might be a city populated entirely by gentle nurses and Boy Scouts. And the Glasgow voice is full of kindness (Continued on next column).

## "BOOM IN DECADENCE." MODERN ENGLISH LIFE ON THE STAGE

The moment chosen by a morning paper for an attack on the English drama is inopportune, for there are many clean and healthy productions on the London stage at the present time, and those which cannot claim to come in that category can contend that their purpose is to raise rather than degrade the moral tone of the community. After allowing an eminent writer to defend the drama of to-day, which he did in an uncompromisingly trenchant article, the paper turns him down by declaring that the West End theatre is in the grip of a "decadence boom" which will "leave the English stage and English standards soiled, and English life travestied and libelled." A few years ago the same paper was calling upon the theatre to "clean out its Augean stables" to-day it is compared to the green-pool in which managers find a profitable market.

The indictment is made, not against revenue, in which indecencies might occur that are not in the written word, or might be at after addition, but against those plays which have actually passed the censor, and it makes one wonder whether the office really does exist. The truth is that the gentlemen who pass our plays were never more alert, and they are not in the sex-problem plays the tendency to uplift which each dramatist strives to attain. We have the word of the author of "Spring Cleaning" that he has put one objectionable character on to the stage in order to hold him up to ridicule, and when he no longer serves that purpose a healthy normal character kicks him out of the house. Surely this discouragement sufficient for this type of individual!

### NATION'S MORAL TONE.

The drama has the right to claim that it is a reflex of contemporary life, and if that life is decadent it is not the fault of the dramatist, but rather that of the people with whom he deals. We have heard it freely asserted that 90 per cent. of the youth of the country is morally corrupt. We trust this estimate errs greatly on the side of exaggeration, but if it comes anywhere near to the truth the playwright who points a moral from that position must use the material at hand if he desires to paint life as he finds it. The decadence of the drama, therefore, must inevitably be due to the decadence of the people. One needs not be sanctimoniously inclined to realise that the increasing ease with which the modern man has been made obtainable has led to the decay of family life, upon which moral tone of the nation chiefly depends. The marriage contract is being more and more regarded in the light of a legal formality, to be determined by another legal formality at the instance of either party. A fantastic example of modern conditions finds a lady who sued for a dissolution of her marriage because her husband wanted her to! How, under such conditions, can modern life be anything else than what it is, and how can the stage err in depicting such facts with dramatic ideas so long as they show them productive of evil instead of good? Unfortunately playwrights have a habit of not taking to themselves what is said and done on the stage, and of failing to fit the appropriate caps to their own heads.

### MERIT OF A PLAY.

After all, the merit or otherwise of a play is to be judged by its effect on the public; if it has a debasing influence it is to be condemned, but if it preaches a wholesome moral it is entitled to consideration whatever be the medium by which it is reached. The holiest thoughts are found in Shakespeare, yet a number of his plays deal with inflections of the Sixth Commandment, and many of his lines would fail to pass the censor. It is not contended that the brilliance of our present-day writers atones for the subject-matter of their plays, as Shakespeare's did but we do insist that the dramatist of to-day has a sincere desire to put vice and virtue in their traditional places.

A distinguished judge has been at some pains to assure us that a recent unsavoury case in no way represented the general life of well-to-do people in England, and that it gave a wholly false impression of social and family life. But it is really only a matter of degree, for the number of decrees nisi which mount up every session in an appalling way are all founded more or less distastefully on the same offence. If the half-dozen plays that tends to arrest the evil, then they are justified in their possession of the stage.—*The Era*.

and music (quite apart from the pure Highland speech, which is so often heard and is a separate pleasure). Its proficiency in the new "verse-speaking" exercise need be no surprise. The city must be loaded with undeveloped art. Aching for an hour of civilisation after a day's slumming, I stumbled on an amateur performance of Offenbach (an oasis in a wilderness of cinemas), and never heard anything less amateurish in my life.

And yet Glasgow is a place from which men flee when their business is accomplished. For human nature's daily food it is too heavy with worthiness. Just now it has a lamentably large "idle class." It seems to need a smaller one at the other end, capable of leading it in entertainment and expressiveness, as when the tobacco lords paraded the Broomielaw in scarlet cloaks, curled wigs, cocked hats and bearing gold-headed canes. There is such a distressing faintness of colour about company directors. People spoke of the Students' Hospital Carnival of a few weeks before as a refreshing outburst of youthful spirits that took the town by storm. That seems what the Americans call a "pointer." The next benefactor of the University should establish a Chair of Fun.

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## PAPER CHANGES HANDS.

"CHINESE COMMERCIAL NEWS"  
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published by the Hongkong Chinese  
General Chamber of Commerce and for-  
merly known as the *Chung Yee Sun Po*,  
has been taken over by the Overseas  
Chinese Daily News, Limited, who will  
continue publication of the daily paper  
under the new style and name of the  
"Overseas Chinese Daily News" as from  
to-day.All current contracts for advertising  
and subscription orders placed with the  
"Chinese Commercial News" will con-  
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will be conducted under entirely new  
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most progressive lines. The principal  
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understanding and good fellowship be-  
tween Foreigners and Chinese, and the  
advancement and encouragement of trade  
and industry. In this connection, it may  
be mentioned that all official announce-  
ments and important information of com-  
mercial interest of the Hongkong Chinese  
General Chamber of Commerce will be  
by special arrangement already entered into,  
be exclusively published in the columns of  
the "Overseas Chinese Daily News."For the convenience of clients, arrange-  
ments have been made whereby all out-  
standing accounts due to the "Chinese  
Commercial News" will be collected by  
the "Overseas Chinese Daily News Ltd."

## HONGKONG SHARE MARKET.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

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Hongkong and Shanghai	\$1,295 a.
Beats	\$1,295 a.
Carton Insurance	\$750 nom.
Hongkong Fire Insurance	\$670 b.
Union Insurance	\$285 nom.
Douglas Steamships	\$54 a.
H.K. & M. Steamships	\$38 a.
"Star" Ferries	\$32 a.
Waterboats	\$17 a.
Shell Transports	\$54 a.
China Sugar	\$57 a.
Langkate (combined)	Tls. 264 nom.
Kowloon Wharves	\$190/4
Whampoa Docks	\$115 a.
Shanghai Docks	Tls. 139 a., 139/40 aa.
H.K. & S. Hotels	\$14 a.
Hongkong Lands	\$91 nom.
Humphreys Estates	\$191 b.
Two Mills	Tls. 11
Shanghai Cottons (old)	Tls. 57, (new) \$31
Oriental	Tls. 3.90 nom.
Cement (combined)	\$26/28.80 aa.
China Lights (combined)	\$32 a.
Provident	(old) \$15 a., (new) 14 nom.
Dairy Farms	\$264 b.
Electric	\$70 a.
H.K. Ropes (combined)	\$42 a.
Tramways	\$44 nom.
Wascos	(old) \$23 nom., (new) \$11 nom.
Peak Trams	(new) \$94 nom., (old) 24 nom.
China Underwriters	\$4 aa.
Singapore Trams	\$2 b., & 2.20 s.
New Engineering	Tls. 94 b.
b-buyers; s-sellers; aa-sales.	
nom-nominal.	

## RUBBER MARKET.

Messrs. Lyall & Evans of Singapore,  
in their Weekly Share List dated May  
27th, state:—In the rubber section, the commodity  
has again proved speculative closing  
steady a fraction below the best, with  
fluctuations over the week covering a  
range of 3d. Quotations for forward  
delivery remain well below spot en-  
quiries, and the general uncertainty re-  
garding the rubber position is reflected  
in the shares. Amongst the cheaper  
priced counters, with one or two excep-  
tions, prices have shed a few cents, and  
the tendency is sellers rather than buyers.  
The higher priced issues, while quotations  
are a shade easier, continue with good en-  
quiries, and scrip on offer is readily  
absorbed. Tin has improved steadily,  
closing 24 up over the week, and the  
shares have come into more prominence  
with steady enquiries; a few issues com-  
manding much improved prices. Steer-  
lings continue in good demand, with the  
tendency generally towards further im-  
provement. Enquiries for industrial  
with a few exceptions, have not been so  
brisk and, with transactions difficult,  
small business is recorded. Minor  
fluctuations are to be noted. Loans con-  
tinue quiet, with little offering. Quota-  
tions are a shade firmer.Ayer Pansas are wanted at \$7, and offer  
at \$7.25, with business at middle. In-  
dragiris attracted attention round 80,  
cum. the 5 per cent. Kedahs changed  
hands at \$2.85, and can be further placed  
slightly under. Kempas made \$5.50.  
Kluangs offer at \$4.50, with enquiries  
at \$4.25. Kuala Sidins are easier, offer-  
ing at \$2.25. Lunas continue in good  
demand at \$2.25, few offering. Malak-  
offs are wanted at \$3.85. Nyalas can be  
placed in quantity at \$3, a few offering  
at \$2.25. Pajams made \$3.65, Radel-  
las offer at \$2.10. Tapahs are in good  
demand at \$14.00, a few offering at  
\$14.50. The cheaper priced shares offer  
a shade easier, excepting Jerams which  
have been in good demand at 62 cts.,  
sellers asking 65 cts. Craigieles made 62  
cts., and offer further. Basettis changed  
hands at \$1.10. New Scudals offer at  
\$1.50, Ulu Benuts at 36 cts., with buyers  
at 34 cts. Malaka Pindas at \$1.85, and  
Bekit Jelongs at 75 cts., buyers 71 cts.  
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\$2.00 and Pantais at \$1.00.

## RECENT FINANCIAL SAYINGS.

I deplore the fact that everything at  
the Post Office passes through the bottle-  
neck of the secretariat.—Lord Burnham.It is no use denying that much of the  
difficulty of to-day—from suspicion on  
the part of workers—is the legacy of ad-  
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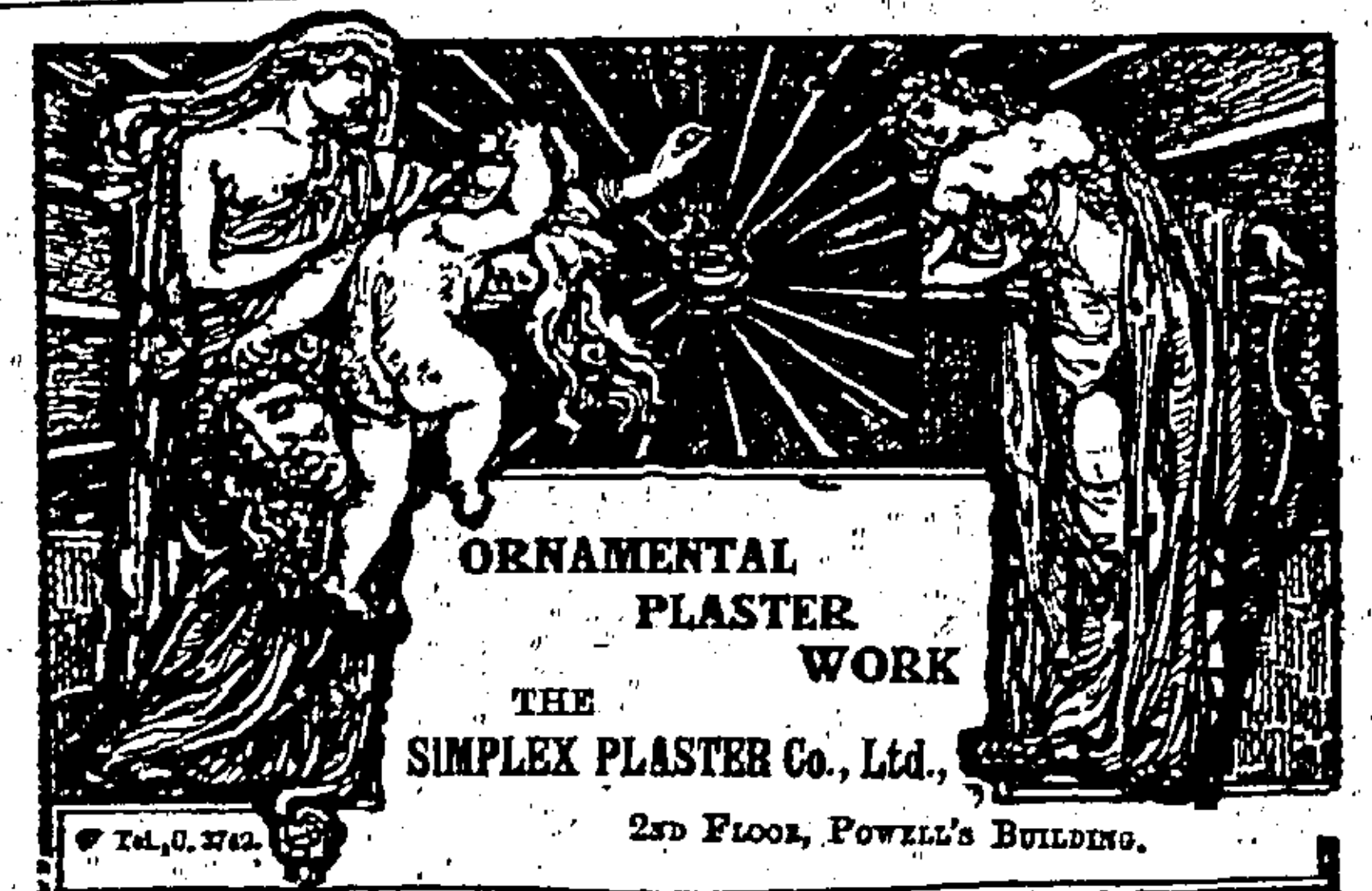
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# LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL. THE RENTS ORDINANCE.

A meeting of the Hongkong Legislative Council was held in the Council Chamber yesterday. Present:—

His Excellency the Governor (Sir R. E. STRONG, K.C.M.G.).  
His Excellency the General Officer Commanding the Troops (Major-General C. C. LUND, C.B., C.M.G.).  
The Colonial Secretary (Hon. Sir CLAUD SEYMOUR, K.B.E., C.M.G.).  
The Attorney-General (Hon. Sir HENRY POLLOCK, K.C.).  
The Colonial Treasurer (Hon. Mr. C. McIL KESSEY, A.B.E.).  
Hon. Mr. H. T. CRESSY (Director of Public Works).  
Hon. Mr. D. W. TRATMAN (Secretary for Chinese Affairs).  
Hon. Dr. J. B. ADDISON, M.B.E. (Principal Civil Medical Officer).  
Hon. Mr. P. H. HOLYOAK.  
Hon. Mr. A. O. LANG.  
Hon. Mr. CHOW SEOU-SUN.  
Hon. Mr. H. W. BIRD.  
Hon. Mr. R. H. KOTTEWALL.  
Hon. Mr. C. G. ALABASTER, K.C., O.B.E.  
Mr. A. C. M. FLETCHER, C.M.G., C.B.E. (Clerk of Council).

The minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed.

## PAPERS.

The Colonial Secretary, by command of H.E. The Governor, laid upon the table the following papers:—

Regulation made by the Governor in Council under section 3 of the Vehicles and Traffic Regulation Ordinance, 1912, Ordinance No. 40 of 1912, on the 25th day of May, 1925.

Rules made by the Governor in Council under section 4 of the New Territories Regulation Ordinance, 1910, Ordinance No. 24 of 1910, on the 25th day of May, 1925.

Order made by the Governor in Council under section 24 of the Rents Ordinance, 1922, Ordinance No. 14 of 1922, on the 25th day of May, 1925.

## REPORT.

The Colonial Secretary, by command of H.E. The Governor, laid on the table the report of the proceedings of the Standing Law Committee on the Rents Amendment Bill, 1925, and moved its adoption.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

## FINANCE.

The Colonial Secretary, by command of H.E. The Governor laid on the table Finance Minute No. 24 and moved that it be referred to the Finance Committee.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

The Colonial Secretary, by command of H.E. The Governor laid on the table the Report of the proceedings of the Finance Committee (No. 4) and moved that it be adopted.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

The Colonial Secretary: With your Excellency's permission, I propose that the resolution standing in my name be postponed *sine die*.

The resolution was that the percentages on the valuation of tenements payable as rates for tenements on certain lots on Kowloon Bay Reclamation should be 13 per cent.

H.E. the Governor: The Council will proceed with the Orders of the Day.

## RENTS AMENDMENT BILL.

The Council then resolved itself into Committee to consider the recommendation of the Standing Law Committee regarding the Bill, introduced an Ordinance to amend the Rents Ordinance 1922 and 1924.

The Attorney-General: Sir, with reference to Clause 3 of this Bill, it is proposed to introduce a new section, 3A, into the Rents Ordinance, 1922. Hon. members of this Council will remember that on the last occasion two amendments were suggested, one by the Senior Chinese unofficial member and the other by the hon. and learned member who represents the Justices of the Peace. Since the Council last met, the Standing Law Committee, with the assistance of the hon. and learned member, have met together with the result that we are now recommending to this Council the acceptance of the amendment to the proposed section 3A of the Rents Ordinance, which hon. members will have before them in the Report of the Proceedings of the Standing Law Committee on the Rents Amendment Ordinance, 1925. What is now suggested is that a comma should be substituted for a full stop at the end of the said section 3A and that there should be added at the end of section 3A.

"And nothing in this section shall entitle any intermediate lessor to increase the rent payable by his own lessee by a greater percentage than the percentage which has been demanded from such lessor by his immediate lessor. Any notice of intention to increase the rent as aforesaid may be treated by the lessee to whom the notice is given as a notice to quit on the date of the expiration of such notice, and the lessee may quit the domestic tenement in question on the date without giving any notice whatever to the lessor."

With regard to the first part of the proposed amendment, that carries out absolutely the suggestion of the hon. Senior Chinese unofficial member, and with regard to the latter part of the suggested amendment to the sub-section, it has been slightly varied from the form suggested by the hon. and learned member at the last meeting of the Council, but he consents to this amendment in form and I think that hon. members will agree that it is an improvement. It may be noted, with regard to the proposed amendment, that it has one great advantage, namely it does not compel the sub-tenant, who perhaps might be ignorant of his rights, to take any step whatever by way of giving notice to his lessor, and I might add that the proposed paragraph only follows the rule which exists in Common Law. The effect of this particular paragraph then will be that the lessee if he receives notice to increase his rent may quit the domestic tenement in question on the date of the expiration of the notice to him of the increase of rent without giving any notice whatever to the lessor. In other words, if he does not like the idea of stopping on at the increased rent he has simply to go out, and he will then not be liable for any increase of rent. With these few remarks I beg to move that the proposed section 3A of the Rents Ordinance, 1922, as recommended in the Report of the Standing Law Committee before this Council, be approved.

H.E. The Governor: I suppose it is clear.

The Attorney-General: It is the clearest expression after considering it very carefully and after consulting with the Crown Solicitor, who has been of the greatest possible assistance to me with regard to the drafting of a certain portion of the Bill, and it is the best phrase that we hit upon.

H.E. The Governor: It will not be misunderstood.

The Attorney-General: I do not think so; because obviously it cannot be mistaken for the head lessor. The hon. member who represents the Justices of the Peace had a talk with the Crown Solicitor, and he could not think of any better phrase.

The recommendation was passed in Committee, and Council then resumed.

## THE BILL PASSED.

The Attorney-General moved the third reading of the Bill.

The Colonial Secretary seconded, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.

## THE ADJOURNMENT.

H.E. The Governor: The Council will adjourn *sine die*, which in all probability will mean until the 15th day of this month.

## FINANCE COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Finance Committee was afterwards held, the Colonial Secretary presiding.

PUBLIC WORKS AT KOWLOON. The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$10,000 in aid of the vote Public Works, extraordinary, Kowloon, buildings, 75, extension to existing market at Mong Kok Tsui.

The Chairman: The estimate for this market was \$25,000 and the actual cost was \$24,467. The extra amount of \$3,000 odd is due chiefly to extra tiling required in the foundations. A special vote of \$22,000 was taken for this work in 1924 under Financial Minute No. 13, but only \$15,500 was spent. \$3,000 only is provided in this year's estimate for additional work and, therefore, another \$10,000 is asked for.

Approved.

## ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE. OLD STUDENTS' DINNER AT SWATOW.

A successful dinner was held in the new Keng Tien Restaurant, Swatow, last Saturday evening by the old students of St. Stephen's College, Hongkong. The ends of the table were occupied by Messrs. Teo Yeb Swoe (Hock Cheung Co.) and Jao Hsin Nin (Harbour Office), and other present were Messrs. Fung Man Sui (Manager, Bank of Canton), Leo Hua Kok, Kwok Lap Keung, Kwong Lap Hoi, Kwap Lap Hang, Lim Pui Heng, Sek Pui Ying and Lee Hing Sum.

The Rev. E. W. L. Martin and Mrs. Martin were present from Hongkong.

The Chairman, Mr. Teo Swoe, in his speech, said that Swatow old boys regrettably being absent from the farewell dinner recently given to Archdeacon Barnett in Hongkong, but they wished him happiness and longevity in England. Many of them had been students of St. Stephen's College in its infancy and all of them were proud of the position which their College had now attained.

## BORROWED MONEY. EX-PARTE ACTION AT SUPREME COURT.

The sensational withdrawal of the plaintiff, in the case in which Chan Young sought to obtain letters of administration in respect of the estate of Chan Yin, deceased, and in which the defendant, Chan Shiu Shi disputed this right on the ground that she was charged by a dying mother with the care of her two infant sons, and was thereby appointed their *tzemo* (compassionate mother) resulted in an *ex-parte* action before Sir Henry Gollan, yesterday morning, when Chan Chiu Shi claimed letters of administration.

Mr. F. C. Jenkin (instructed by Mr. H. K. Woo) appeared for Chiu Shi. Mr. Chan Tat Ming, formerly chief Chinese master at Queen's College, gave evidence as an expert in Chinese law. He gave instances from Chinese law of children being handed over to the care of *tzemo* whose right then became the same as the natural mother.

Chan Chiu Shi said the children had been handed over to her charge by their mother, and she had educated them as befitted their station. Up to the end of last year the boys had attended the Diocesan Boys' School, but since August last year, Chan Young had given her nothing for maintenance and she had to borrow money. The boys were at present attending Chinese schools.

His Lordship reserved judgment.

## BUSY COURTS. PRESSURE AT THE CENTRAL MAGISTRACY.

The sittings at the Central Magistracy yesterday must have been of a record nature, as regards numbers. During the early part of the morning the corridors, lobby and the two courts also were absolutely packed with people concerned or interested in cases, police officers, solicitors and other court officials.

Altogether some 150 cases were down for hearing, and the magistrates had to sit all the morning and all through the afternoon in order to in any way cope with the heavy pressure of work. The cases were of quite an ordinary nature, chiefly comprising those of the traffic order, unlawful opium smoking, petty larcenies, resisting search and unlawful possession of various articles.

One of the reasons for the large number of cases was that many had accumulated from the previous day, when there were no courts held owing to the King's Birthday Celebrations.

## AN OLD SHIP'S PASSING. DISMANTLING OF A NOTED LINER.

Over in Kowloon Bay a few feet of scrap iron, a few pieces of wood are protruding out of the water. They are the remnants of a ship's skeleton, and the men engaged in removing them have nearly completed their work.

So passes the *a.s. China*, from the waters of the Pacific, where she has plied for 36 years. She was one of the greatest liners of her day, but the old is swept away by the tide of modernity. She was built in 1889 by Messrs. Fairfield & Co., Ltd., of Glasgow. Of over 5,000 tons registry, she had four decks, one of which, the promenade deck was 440 feet long, 48 feet wide and 32 feet deep. She was turned out from the Clyde for the Pacific Mail Steamship Company.

Strangely enough, in her early days, although she was owned by an American firm, whose head offices were in New York, the vessel was placed under the Hawaiian flag, owing to the existence of a law in the United States to the effect that no foreign built ship could be placed under American registry without the payment of heavy fees. When later Hawaii was taken over by America, the vessel automatically came under the American registry.

The vessel was later sold to the China Mail Steamship Company, but owing to the bad times generally, the Company two years was unable to meet its obligations and the vessel was detained in Hongkong under an order made by the Supreme Court. So the vessel lay in Kowloon Bay for many months and was breaking up.

So passes the *a.s. China*. So ends her romantic career.

## MILK VENDOR FINED.

At the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, before Mr. E. W. Hamilton, a milk vendor of Kowloon City was fined \$50 with the alternative of a month's imprisonment for having sold milk which was not of the substance required. Analysis of the milk showed that 9.2 per cent of water had been added.

## POSITION OF STALE-MATE. THE OPPOSING FORCES IN CANTON.

It would appear that the river gunboats dominate the situation in Canton. While they remain in the hands of the Cantonese it is scarcely probable that there will be any serious fighting. The position broadly is this:

The Government have taken up their headquarters on the island of Honam while the Yunnanese remain in control of the City.

The Yunnanese are numerically much stronger than the Government forces and it is anticipated would have little difficulty in driving their opponents out if they could get at them. But they have few guns and insufficient ammunition and the workers at the arsenal are on strike and will not provide what is lacking. The guns on the river boats are larger than any possessed by the Yunnanese troops.

The Yunnanese, therefore, cannot take the offensive because of lack of artillery; the Cantonese do not, do so because of lack of men.

If the gunboats by any chance fell into the hands of the Yunnanese the whole situation would be altered, and it is anticipated that the issue would then be put to the test forthwith.

## PROPAGANDA METHODS OF THE KUOMINTANG.

Information that comes to hand from Canton throws an interesting light upon the propaganda methods adopted by the Canton Government. The manifesto, published in the *Daily Press* yesterday, was issued in the name of the Canton General Chamber of Commerce and associated organisations. We imagined that the manifesto was "inspired," but now we learn that it was actually drafted by the Government. Apparently the Government approached the Chamber in the first instance and then consulted them no further. In the circumstances it seems scarcely fair to call the document the "merchants' manifesto."

## A SINGLE SHOT.

Canton was very quiet during the day yesterday. Passengers on the *a.s. Fat Shan*, which arrived in Hongkong from Canton about midnight last night, informed a *Daily Press* representative that as the vessel was leaving the wharf a single shot rang out from the Praya and people were seen to be running in all directions. As the *Fat Shan* steamed away from the wharf, things appeared to have quietened down and there did not appear to be any further shooting.

## COURAGEOUS GUARDS.

FULL STORY OF "LOUISE MALM" PIRACY.

The story of the recent piracy on the motor launch *Louise Malm* on the West River reads like a "thriller" in an American magazine.

The launch left Wuchow at 2.45 a.m. on May 29th, but the passengers were oblivious of the fact that there were eight pirates on board. They were taken aback with the surprise attack, and they and the three guards were held up simultaneously.

These men, however, had been specially selected for the work and were ex-soldiers from Manchuria. They offered resistance and killed one pirate and wounded several of the others. The attack commenced at Yan Wo Hin, and the pilot shot himself up in the pilot house and began steering the ship to a place where he knew there was a military station. But the little vessel was doomed, for as she came abreast the village of Tong Fo Hong, a large number of pirates opened fire from the river bank, and the pilot brought the vessel ashore when all the pirates swarmed on board. The brave guards had the odds against them, and before the vessel was piloted ashore, two of them were dead and the other grievously wounded.

The vengeance of the pirates then fell on the pilot who had tried to escape; and they killed him immediately. Two passengers were also killed and ten wounded. The captives' staff, consisting of three men and 20 passengers were taken into captivity. Twenty tons of cargo were removed, and all the passengers' luggage. The machinery and hull of the ship were damaged by rifle fire so that it is estimated that it will cost \$3,000 to repair the vessel. The motor-launch was back in Wuchow on May 30th and on the following day one of the captives was sent back to Wuchow to state the amount of ransom demanded. The sum amounts to \$120,000.

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Agents.

Hongkong, 3rd June, 1925. [2270]

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No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 11th June, will be subject to Rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 25th June, or they will not be recognized. No Fire Insurance will be effected.

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Hongkong, 4th June, 1925. [2271]

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For further Particulars, Apply to—

MACKINNON, MACKENZIE &amp; CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 5th June, 1925. [2273]

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

BY Order of the Mortgagee, of VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTY situated at YAMAT, KOWLOON, in the Colony of Hongkong, and known as The Remaining Portion of Kowloon Island Lot No. 1366, together with the land on which the same is situated, to be sold by AUCTION on

THURSDAY, JUNE 11TH, 1925, at 12.00 Noon, at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, by Messrs. HUGHES & HUGHES, Limited, Auctioneers.

For further particulars and Conditions of Sale, apply to Messrs. LEE & ROSS, Solicitors for the Mortgagee or to Messrs. HUGHES & HUGHES, Limited, Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 28th May, 1925. [2243]

## INTIMATIONS

## HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE HALF YEARLY GENERAL MEETING OF MEMBERS will be held on SATURDAY, 6th JUNE, 1925, at 12.30 P.M. in the Jockey Club Room, HONGKONG CLUB ANEX.

[2230]

## PEAK TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Hongkong Club, Hongkong, on MONDAY, 8th JUNE, 1925, at 11 A.M. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 30th April, 1925.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from Wednesday, 3rd JUNE, to Tuesday, 9th JUNE, 1925, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers.

Hongkong, 29th May, 1925. [2238]

## INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

THE FORTY-FOURTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held at the Office of the General Managers, Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, the 10th JUNE, 1925, at 11 o'clock in the Morning, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, passing the Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 3rd to 4th JUNE, 1925, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board, JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD., General Managers.

Hongkong, 19th May, 1925. [2212]

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[2173]

## PRINCE LINE FAR EAST SERVICE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM NEW YORK.

THE Steamship "MOORISH PRINCE" having arrived from the above Port on 30th instant, Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on Friday, 5th JUNE, 1925, at 10 A.M. All Claims must be presented within 15 days of the Steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 6th JUNE, 1925, will be subject to Rent.

Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified that they must produce an Import permit signed by the Superintendent of Imports and Exports, Hongkong, before Bills of Lading can be counter-signed.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be counter-signed by PURNELL (FAB EAST), LTD., 2nd Floor, King's Building, Connaught Road, Hongkong.

Telephone No. 3165.

Hongkong, 30th May, 1925. [2263]

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Goods not cleared by the 8th JUNE, 1925, will be subject to Rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged Packages are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 6th JUNE, 1925, at 10 A.M. by Messrs. Goldard & Douglas.

Claims against the Steamer must be presented in writing within Ten days after arrival of Steamer, otherwise they will not be recognized. No Fire Insurance will be effected by the Underwriter in any case whatever.

Bills of Lading will be counter-signed by JAYA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN, General Agents.

Hongkong, 1st June, 1925. [2249]

## INTIMATIONS

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## MARRIAGE.

EDINGTON-MANN.—At Singapore, on May 25th, WILLIAM STODDARD EDINGTON, Manager, Timgil Tin Mine, to HELEN, daughter of ALEXANDER MANN, Edinburgh.

## DEATH.

THOMPSON.—At Singapore, on May 26th, GEORGE EDWARD THOMPSON, third son of the late WILLIAM THOMPSON, Chief Interpreter Supreme Court, Singapore.

Hongkong Office: 11, Chater Road.

London Office: 131, Fleet Street, E.C.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, JUNE 5TH, 1925.

## THE SITUATION IN CANTON.

FIGHTING has not yet begun in Canton. Bodies of troops belonging to the various parties parade the Bund at frequent intervals: the various units of the navy have taken up a position in line opposite the city, and the crews are on board (an unusual feature), whilst trenches are being constructed and guns placed at different points. It is impossible, however, to take these preparations very seriously. The various armies themselves (which include youths of 15 and 16, together with old men over fifty) do not.

They enter with considerable zest into the amusement of riding on the outside of official motor cars, in parties of about half a dozen; they escort supplies of provisions through the city in a singularly elated fashion, and they lounge about on guard in front of official buildings with an air of supreme boredom. Some South American armies have a somewhat sketchy system of discipline, but the Chinese soldier does not bother to march in step or even to stand on guard.

He sits down, puts aside his rifle, lights a cigarette, leans back with an air of complete satisfaction and (to remain in sympathy with the movement) flourishes a loaded revolver with a negligent air. All of which is very disturbing for the good citizens of Canton (for a stray shot might plunge the whole city in anarchy), but it gives the coolie-soldier a pleasing sense of importance. In the heart of the

city, there are few soldiers, and an external appearance of quietness. But here and there, the charred ruins of a temple or other building which was burned in the last disturbance reminds the inhabitants of these districts that they are not by any means immune from the consequences of a struggle. Business in the larger shops is exceedingly small; and more people than usual are leaving the neighbourhood.

Yesterday we published a manifesto, which was stated to have been drawn up by the Canton General Chamber of Commerce and associated merchants' organisations, urging the summoning of a Provincial Assembly and the prompt development of local self-government. It was evident on the face of it that this document had been inspired by the political party in power and we have since received reliable confirmation of this. The manifesto was not only inspired, but was actually written by the Government, and the Chamber of Commerce had no power to prevent its publication in their name. It is worth recording the fact as evidence of the methods of propaganda adopted by the Kuomintang. We would also point out that the statement in the manifesto that the objects of the Kuomintang party are not the same as those of the Soviet accords badly with the remark of Zinovieff at the plenary session of the Communist International that "the similarity of our aims with those of the Kuomintang party is of vital importance to the Comintern."

We have grown accustomed to regard Canton and Shanghai as two separate centres of political activity, but a careful examination of this official review of the Kuomintang policy proves conclusively that the manifesto and the riots in Shanghai stand in close relation to one another. Both emphasise the attitude various political leaders are adopting towards the "unequal treaties"—the only charters of protection which the foreigner in China possesses at the present time. It should also be remembered that the students in Peking and at the Kwangtung University have made demonstrations supporting the action of the students in Shanghai. There is evidence, therefore, from a widespread area, that a definite movement is forming, one aspect of which is anti-foreign.

On the other hand, the Western powers and Japan are becoming tired of the anarchy which neither ceases nor diminishes. Japan is waiting for the other powers to make some suggestion for enforcing order; and two English papers, so different in point of view as the Times and the Daily News are in agreement that some sort of intervention is necessary. If the students of China who engineered and are supporting the Shanghai disturbances are to be regarded as the rulers of the near future, it seems exceedingly doubtful whether China will ever be capable of acting in conformity with the requirements of a modern civilised state. To use an unpleasant simile, she resembles a festering sore, and some sort of surgical operation is becoming inevitable. Meanwhile, we look to Canton—and wait.

Mrs. H. P. Winslow returned to the Colony by the s.s. Tandu.

A cargo-coolie was accidentally killed on Wednesday by three bags of rice falling on him in the hold of the steamer Kiang Choo.

A Chinese who ran over by a two-wheeled truck, the wheels of which passed over his chest, on Wednesday, was taken to the Government Civil Hospital.

A coolie, employed at No. 361, The Peak, was seriously injured as a result of a drop of 28 feet from an upper floor of the house on Wednesday, and was taken to the Government Civil Hospital.

Petroleum is reported to have been discovered along the coast of the barrio of Guinailiban, municipality of Sagay, Camiguin island, Philippines, the lucky finder being a fisherman named Gregorio Wami.

The discovery aroused considerable interest among the residents of Camiguin island.

## GOVERNMENT AND "RODERICK RANDOM."

## THE TELEPHONE AGREEMENT.

## QUESTION RAISED IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Before the Legislative Council yesterday proceeded to the consideration of the business upon its agenda, reference was made to the column of notes written by "Roderick Random" and published under the title of "Random Reflections" in the Daily Press on Wednesday.

It will be remembered that these notes commented upon the Telephone agreement, and the question was asked whether it was in order that the Hon. Mr. Holyoak, a director of the new Company, should second the resolution expressing the Council's approval of that agreement.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY said: Sir.—It is unusual to take notice in this Council of statements made in the public press on matters which come before us, but with your permission I would like to refer to certain remarks made yesterday morning in the Hongkong Daily Press newspaper regarding the procedure adopted in connection with the telephone resolution on the 21st May. Had these remarks related merely to a question of public policy I would not have intervened, but they referred to a "member" of this Council personally and reflected on his conduct in a manner, which, if left unanswered, might give rise to misunderstanding. The point made was that in seconding the resolution the senior Unofficial member was acting wrongly as he was interested in the proposed Company. It is true that the Hon. member is to be a director of the Telephone Company, but he is also the Senior unofficial member of this Council and Chairman of the Chamber of Com-

merce with which body the Government had been in close communication throughout the negotiations leading to the arrangements for the new Company. It was, therefore, I submit, entirely proper that he should second the resolution. He would gain nothing by doing so, just as he would lose nothing by refraining from speaking or voting. This was a question relating to a Company, which it is hoped will be of great benefit to the community and in his capacity as a member of this Council, representing the Chamber of Commerce, and as a compliment to that body having regard to the work done by it in the matter, he was requested by the Government to express the views of the unofficial members on the resolution. I regret that it should be necessary for me to defend the Hon. Member against personal attacks in the public press, wholly undeserved and inspired by a singular want of perception of the facts, but, if I consider, most desirable that such attacks should be immediately and publicly resisted.

H.E. TAN GOVERNOR: I think that my honourable friend takes a more pessimistic view of human nature than I myself do. I have more belief in the common sense of the inhabitants of this Colony than to think that they could be influenced by, or that they would attach any importance to, the scurrilous vapourings of an anonymous slanderer. The Council is doubtless familiar with the story of Mr. Justice Maule and the anonymous letter, but the process adopted by Justice Maule cannot, for obvious reasons, be applied to passages in a newspaper.

## THE ATTITUDE OF THE "DAILY PRESS."

It may be stated at once that this paper accepts the fullest responsibility for the comments made by "Roderick Random." These comments were carefully considered and approved before they were published over a pen name, which has been associated with our editorial columns for many years past.

We have no quarrel with the form of the statement made by the Hon. the Colonial Secretary. It was, in the circumstances, the only explanation that could possibly be given to cover the facts of the case. In our opinion such an explanation was absolutely necessary in the public interest. We are therefore glad we obtained it, and although it does not convince us that the procedure in Council over the Telephone agreement was a correct one—certainly it was not in accordance with the precedent established in these matters at home—we are now quite willing to leave the issue to the decision of the public.

Referring to H.E. the Governor's remarks we can only express our great regret that he should have felt it incumbent upon himself to contribute in the particular way he did to the discussion. With all necessary deference we submit that His Excellency has little knowledge of human nature if he imagines that the proceedings in Council over the Tele-

phone agreement were not the subject of considerable comment in Hongkong. We have the greatest respect for the Hon. Mr. Holyoak and the highest admiration of his public service. There was never any suggestion of an attack upon his integrity. The point raised was one concerned solely with procedure and we venture to think that His Excellency himself would be entirely at a loss to justify the procedure before a Parliamentary Committee. His references, therefore, to the "scurrilous vapourings of an anonymous slanderer" were neither dignified nor to the point, and we feel confident that their palpable injustice will be recognised and strongly resented in the Colony.

Although residents may have no particular voice in the Government they follow closely the Government's actions, and consider themselves entitled, rightly or wrongly, to ask a question and to receive, at any rate, a courteous answer whenever anything is not clear to them. "Roderick Random" raised the question he did on behalf of a considerable number of residents, and the contemptuous manner in which it was brushed aside by His Excellency will not inspire confidence in His Excellency's tact whatever opinion may be held regarding his administrative ability.—THE EDITOR.

H.E. the Governor (Sir Edward Stubbs, K.C.M.G.), has consented to lay the Foundation Stone of the New Building of St. Paul's Girls' College between Kennedy Road and Macdonnell Road.

Entrance to the site can be obtained from the West end of Kennedy Road, near the Peak Tram Station.

The return of notifiable diseases for the week ended on May 30th shows 2 fatal Chinese cases of small-pox, 1 fatal Chinese case of diphtheria, 2 cases (1 Chinese and 1 Indian) of enteric fever, from which 1 death resulted, and 1 fatal Chinese case of cerebro-spinal fever.

The return for the 48 hours ended on June 3rd shows 1 case each of enteric and cerebro-spinal fever, both Chinese.

Mr. Sverre Berg, the Norwegian Consul-General, residing at 25, Tregunter Mansions, The Peak, has reported to the police that in the early hours of Wednesday some person stole from his room the sum of \$105.

Chinese of Siam have sent two delegates, now in Shanghai, to Peking, to petition the Government to establish a Legation and Consulate in Siam for the protection of the 1,800,000 Chinese living there. It is understood that the Peking Government has given no definite answer to the delegates, but the matter is being taken up officially with the Government of Siam.

Another armed robbery was perpetrated yesterday afternoon, the scene being No. 39, Ke Shing Street, second floor. About 1.30 p.m. yesterday three men, armed with revolvers, entered the house and before the inmates could raise any alarm, they intimidated and overpowered them. The robbers only remained a short time, but when they left, it was found they had taken three pairs of gold bangles and about \$1,000 in money.



## SHANGHAI STRIKE SPREADS.

## HOTEL AND PRESS HANDS IDLE.

## SOVIET AMBASSADOR EXPRESSES SYMPATHY WITH CHINESE RIOTERS.

## NO RIOTOUS SCENES YESTERDAY.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, June 4th.

The rioters seem to be losing faith in frenzied attacks on foreigners and no collisions were reported to-day, but the strike is spreading. It is estimated that 100,000 have walked out to-day and yesterday. The majority are coolies.

The *North-China Daily News* gives prominence to an article addressed to "the peaceable Chinese of Shanghai."

After explaining the situation it says that sooner or later the rioters and agitators will be beaten. Meanwhile life will not be pleasant for anyone, but that will not deter the Foreign Authorities or their compatriots from standing firm and doing their utmost to crush the revolt and restore order. "How long this threat to your peace, welfare and safety lasts, depends largely upon you."

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

## PRESS MEN STRIKE.

SHANGHAI, June 4th.

To-day has been quiet with the exception of reports of further strikes. Chinese workers on all foreign papers are out; but efforts are being made to bring out single sheets.

H.M.S. *Dionede* and H.M.S. *Carlisle* have arrived here and H.M.S. *Despatch* is due to-night.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

## SOVIET SYMPATHY.

PEKING, June 4th.

M. Karakhan, the Soviet Ambassador, yesterday addressed the following Note to the Chinese Foreign Minister:

"Having learned with feeling of profound grief of the shooting of several tens of Chinese workers and students in Shanghai, I wish to express to the Chinese People feelings of the deepest sympathy and sorrow, which certainly are shared by the peoples of the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics."

"I have the honour to request Your Excellency to accept the expressions of my condolences and convey them to the bereaved families."

## THE PULSE OF BRITAIN.

LONDON, June 4th.

The disturbed conditions in Shanghai are exercising the public mind considerably. The papers are unanimously of the opinion that prompt and decisive measures are necessary to restore order. They agree on the desirability of co-operation and unity among the European Powers to cope with the whole situation in China.

The attitude of Marshal Chang Tso Lin is the subject of much speculation.

The *Times* says that the students' movements in Peking and Shanghai are symptomatic of the utter dislocation of the bonds of society, threatening the vast empire.

It endorses the tribute to the general masses of Chinese paid by Mr. Mackay at the China Association Meeting last month.

## STRIKE VIRUS SPREADS.

SHANGHAI, June 4th.

Employees at the Astor House and Majestic Hotels walked out to-day. The strike is still spreading, but reaction among many workers is apparent.

The Police this morning raided and closed Seymour Road School, where they found abundant Bolshevik literature. Other Red nests were visited and some arrests were made. The rioters are now concentrating on the strike movement, which a vast majority of the workers are endeavouring to evade.

There have been no riots.

## NO FURTHER PARADES.

PEKING, June 4th.

So far there have been no further student demonstrations to-day. The students last night saw the Vice-Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce and urged a general strike, but he advised against it, stating that Government is doing all possible to bring an amicable settlement to the affair. The students were seen to-day in many groups with flags along all the main thoroughfares, trying to persuade the shopkeepers to agree to a strike, but there was no disorder yesterday or to-day.

## BANKERS CLOSE DOORS.

SHANGHAI, June 4th.

The Chinese Bankers' Association and the Native Banks' Guild to-day announced in the Chinese Press that they had temporarily suspended business, from yesterday.

[FROM THE "DAILY BULLETIN."]

## PEKING STUDENTS REBUFFED.

PEKING, June 3rd.

The students, this afternoon, proceeded to the Waichiaopu where Minister Shen Juai Lin saw their representatives. He pointed out that the Government had already lodged a protest with the Powers and had sent Commissioners to Shanghai.

The students then stated that they desired to parade through the Legation Quarter, and after a discussion they sent four delegates to see the *Doyen*. The main body, in the meantime, had gathered outside the East Gate of the Quarter, which was closed, hammering on the gate and clamouring for admission. A hose was brought up, but it was not used.

On learning from the delegates that permission to enter the Legation Quarter could not be granted, the crowds moved off in the direction of the Central Park. There was no disorder.

## TEXT OF PEKING NOTE.

PEKING, June 2nd.

A Note, dated June 1st, was handed to the Italian Minister this afternoon by the Foreign Office. It reads:—

"I have the honour to draw the most serious attention of Your Excellency to the unhappy facts following, which occurred on May 30th in the International Concession, Shanghai. Following the arrest of students and acts of violence towards Chinese workers, several of whom were wounded, a certain number of students from the different universities at Shanghai proceeded on the afternoon of May 30th to the Police Station of the International Concession as a protest and made speeches. The armed intervention of the police led to more than 40 students being arrested, four being killed outright, six seriously wounded, of whom two succumbed a little while afterwards, and 17 were slightly wounded, three of whom, however, died later. On learning with emotion of the above facts, I beg to remark that whatever might have been the character of the demonstration by the students, who are young men of good families and full of patriotism and unarmed, they should not have been treated as ordinary malefactors, but instead of calming them by appropriate means, the police had recourse to extreme measures, which are essentially condemned by humanity and justice."

"Consequently I find it absolutely necessary to address to Your Excellency the most explicit protests, while reserving the right, when further reports giving complete details are received, to formulate all claims which may result from this deplorable incident, for which the authorities of the Concession are entirely responsible."

"I further beg Your Excellency to bring what has preceded to the knowledge of the Ministers of the interested Powers, and to give urgent necessary instructions to the Consular authorities at Shanghai to set at liberty all those who have been arrested, and to act in concert with the special Commissioners for Foreign Affairs there to prevent an eventual recurrence of similar incidents."

## CHINESE VERSION OF THE SHANGHAI SITUATION.

## HOW FACTS ARE DISTORTED IN THE VERNACULAR PRESS.

## INCITEMENTS TO FURTHER OUTRAGE.

The European communities in the Far East, who have read with indignation and anxiety the accounts of the rioting in Shanghai, are probably for the most part unaware how the events are being reported to the Chinese. In the telegrams which are printed in many of the Vernacular papers the action of the Police is represented as cold blooded murder and almost every paragraph emphasizes the necessity of revolt against "foreign oppression."

The *Canton Gazette* of Wednesday, commenting upon the occurrences, said:—

"Yesterday we published the Reuter British Imperialist News Agency's version of the Shanghai outbreak, and anyone who read between the lines would have noted the anxiety of Reuter to whitewash the British police for firing on an unarmed crowd of students and killing six of them. Among that crowd were a number of girl students, and it is providential that the British police did not kill any of the girls, otherwise the foreign settlement of Shanghai would by now have been burnt to the ground."

Then follows a translation of the Chinese telegram received in Canton.

One dated May 31st says:—

"On account of the killing of Chinese workers at the Japanese cotton mills and on account of the arrest by the police of the Shanghai foreign settlement of several students for collecting funds to help the workers, a big demonstration was organized by 23 schools and many citizens of Shanghai, on May 30th, as a protest against the murderous acts of the Japanese capitalists and to request the Settlement Authorities to release the arrested students. The Nanking Road was especially crowded on that day. And here the British police fired on the helpless crowd, followed by the indiscriminate firing of the Indian police. As a result, 6 were killed on the spot many were wounded and a hundred and twenty arrested. Moreover, the seven wounded men, after they had been removed to the hospital, died the next day."

MERCILESS ACT ROUSES CHINESE.

"This merciless act of the British imperialists has aroused the great indignation of the Chinese people of Shanghai of all classes. A meeting of representatives of all public organizations, including the General Chamber of Commerce of Shanghai, Union of Merchants, Streets Union, Students Union of Shanghai, etc., took place in the building of the General Chamber of Commerce. At this meeting, the following demands to be put before the Shanghai Municipal Council were approved:—(1) Punishment of the police who did the killing; (2) Compensation to be given to the families of the victims and to the wounded; (3) The Municipal Council to express regret for the incident; (4) Abolish the levy on Wharf dues; (5) Withdrawal of the project of the press regulations; (6) Return of the Mixed Court to China."

"Further, it was decided to have a general strike on the next day."

## GENERAL STRIKE.

A telegram dated June 1st stated:—The general strike materialized. All shops were suspended from business. Students were organized by threes or fours to make speeches in the streets and the police dared not stop them. The workers of the tram-cars and of other industries are ready to go on strike.

The whole Settlement is under martial law; streets are patrolled by police, cavalry and marines from the cruisers of the imperialist navies.

Six hundred men were arrested but were soon released. No sign of remorse can be seen from the Imperialists side.

A serious situation is expected to develop in Shanghai.

From reliable sources, it is learned that the British and Japanese imperialists, in view of the national and labour movements growing up everywhere in China, have agreed with each other upon the adoption of an aggressive policy to meet the rising movement in China. The merciless acts of the Japanese imperialists in Tsingtao and in Shanghai committed on the Chinese workers and the present incident in Shanghai are proofs of the policy being pursued by them. The Chinese cannot but rise up to prevent repetitions of such occurrences by the imperialists and to kill their attempt to crush the growing national revolutionary movement in China."

## CABLES.

## LATEST CABLES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

## ITALY AND RUSSIA.

## ROME CHAMBER APPROVES TREATY OF COMMERCE.

ROME, June 4th.

The Chamber has approved the Italo-Russian Treaty of Commerce, signed in February 1924. Signor Mussolini said that the results of fifteen months' working of the treaty seemed to have proved satisfactory. Italy, during the first quarter of 1925, had imported from Russia nineteen million lire worth of goods; and exported to Russia goods to the value of seventeen million lire. The rejection of the Treaty would have serious economic and political results.

## COMMUNISTS IN BULGARIA.

## POLICE ARREST MANY WITH NO IDENTITY PAPERS.

SOFIA, June 4th.

The police have been most active against the Communists. They have arrested 450 persons, on the ground of their having no identity papers and no fixed occupation.

The authorities at Varna have arrested 140 persons alleged to be Communists.

## ALLIES AND GERMANY.

## DISARMAMENT NOTE IS HANDED TO CHANCELLOR.

BERLIN, June 4th.

At midday to-day, Lord d'Abernon, the British Ambassador, on behalf of the Allies, presented the Disarmament Note to Dr. Luther, the German Chancellor.

## EDUCATION FOR CHINESE.

## OLD ETONIANS APPEAL FOR FUNDS FOR ENDOWMENT.

LONDON, June 4th.

An appeal for funds is made in *The Times* by a Committee of Old Etonians for the purpose of starting and endowing a school under the direction of the Reverend A. T. Polhill, for Chinese boys over fourteen. It is stated that suitable Englishmen, with experience of teaching in Szechwan District, are willing to return and assist the headmaster.

## THE BELGIAN CABINET.

## VICOMTE POULET TO TRY COALITION SCHEME.

BRUSSELS, June 4th.

The Catholic, Vicomte Poulet, has consented to form a coalition Cabinet from the three principal parties on a programme of democratic reform. A large majority for this programme exists in both Chambers.

## THE AUSTRALIAN NAVY.

## CONTRACTS FOR NEW VESSELS PLACED IN ENGLAND.

LONDON, June 4th.

It is now announced that contracts for 23,500,000 have been placed in Britain for two 10,000 ton cruisers and two submarines for the Royal Australian Navy. The cruisers will be similar to the British "County" class.

## EARLIER CABLES.

## NEW SILK TAXES.

## FRESH PROPOSALS DISCUSSED AT TREASURY.

LONDON, June 3rd.

The methods for collecting the new silk taxes and the payment of drawbacks on exported articles containing silk and artificial silk were discussed at a conference at the Treasury, presided over by Mr. Churchill (Chancellor of the Exchequer) and attended by trade representatives and Government officials.

Mr. Churchill submitted a plan whereby duties would not be levied on raw material, whether home produced or imported, which was intended to be utilised solely in the manufacture of export articles; consequently no claim for rebate will have to be established.

Trade representatives will consider this scheme before communicating their views, whilst further discussions will be held on other points.

## FATE OF AMUNDSEN.

## SYSTEMATIC PLANS MADE FOR SEARCH.

Oslo, June 3rd.

Systematic plans have been drawn up for the search for Amundsen.

Two Norwegian naval aeroplanes are being equipped with wireless, to operate from Spitzbergen towards East Greenland.

The French explorer Charcot will probably be requested to search the east coast of Greenland.

The Macmillan expedition will work from Cape Columbia or Etah.

## HIS BACKER'S DEATH.

ROME, June 3rd.

The American coal magnate Mr. Ellsworth, who financed the Amundsen flight, has died at Florence.

It is believed his death is largely due to anxiety at the disappearance of his son, who was accompanying Amundsen in his flight to the North Pole.

## PRINCE OF WALES.

## RECEIVES GREAT WELCOME AT DURBAN.

DURBAN, June 3rd.

The Prince of Wales had a very enthusiastic reception in Durban City, which was elaborately and charmingly decorated.

Scores of thousands of yelling and cheering spectators crowded the roads, windows, balconies, and roofs.

The ceremony of welcoming the Prince was held in the square in front of the town hall, and was marked by almost continuous cheering and singing of "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow."

The march past of battalions of the active Citizen Force and a naval battalion was a superb sight.

## SOCCER IN AUSTRALIA.

SIDNEY, June 3rd.

The touring English soccer team defeated the Metropolis by 3 goals to one.

## LATEST CABLES.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

## ROUGH WEATHER IN U.S.A.

## PANIC ON RACE-COURSE AT OMAHA.

NEW YORK, June 4th.

There have been violent storms in the West, which is spreading through all the Eastern States.

There have been violent storms in the Middle West. It is estimated that the damage in Minnesota is 25 million dollars. A hailstorm caused a panic among spectators on Omaha racecourse, where they rushed out of the grand stands and threw themselves in the mud, fearing a repetition of the 1913 hurricane. Meanwhile the Southern States predict large crop losses unless the rains come quickly.

## EARLIER CABLES.

## MR. WEEKS IS UNWELL.

BOSTON, June 3rd.

The condition of the Secretary for War, Mr. Weeks, who was recently operated on for gallstones, is not so favourable.

## A NEW TEACHING THEORY.

The most efficient methods of teaching the young would appear to be a subject which is well to the fore in the interest of the Hongkong public just now, so that a reference to the methods by the Parents' National Educational Union, which met at Canterbury recently, will not be out of place.

Parents, who were admitted as spectators to the class-rooms in King's School, welcomed the opportunity of watching P.N.E.U. methods of teaching put into practice by specially trained teachers.

They were enabled to observe the means whereby the teachers, effacing themselves as much as possible, sought to induce their pupils to make a genuine discovery of ideas, and so to retain them as their own.

Every lesson was either narrated or reported after a single reading had been given, and it was claimed that when a child learns that he must give some version of what he will only read once, he will prefer to give it his full attention rather than be shamed before the rest of the class.

## POLICE COURT ITEMS.

Two Chinese barbers were fined \$5 each with the alternative of 7 days' imprisonment, at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, for having travelled by train from Shatin to Hongkong without paying their fare.

A returned banished was sentenced to six months' hard labour and to receive twelve strokes of the birch by Mr. E. W. Hamilton, at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday.

At the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday Mr. E. W. Hamilton ordered a 18 year-old Chinese boy to receive 12 strokes of the birch for having stolen \$220 from his master, the owner of a furniture shop in Shamshuiipo.

## FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

## GOVERNOR OF MACAO.

## DOCTOR RODRIGUES GIVES HIS REASON FOR RESIGNATION.

Lisbon, June 4th.

In the Chamber to-day, the Minister for the Colonies explained the reasons for the resignation of Dr. Rodrigues, Governor of Macao. He read a document, referring to the works at Port Macao, showing that the Governor was of opinion that 60 per cent. of the capital of the Company building the port should be Portuguese, and the rest divided between British and Chinese. The Governor, who is also a Deputy, defended his attitude.

## ELECTIONS IN MANILA.

## INDEPENDENTS CONTROL BOTH HOUSE AND SENATE.

MANILA, June 4th.

Complete returns of the general election show that the Consolidado (the immediate independence party) retains control of the House and Senate by a considerable majority.

The Democrats carried the Manila environs.

Voting was peaceful.

## AMBASSADOR TO JAPAN.

LONDON, June 3rd.

Sir John Tilley, the Ambassador at Rio de Janeiro, has been appointed British Ambassador at Tokyo.

## THE "ANNAMITE HERO."

## FRENCH CHAMBER POSTPONES M. OUTREY'S INTERPELLATION.

PARIS, June 4th.

In the Chamber, M. Briand asking for a postponement of Deputy Outrey's interpellation regarding the monument at Canton to the "Annamite hero," said in order to be given satisfaction the Government was negotiating actively about questions raised by the deputy.

Any public debate would but impede the normal progress of *pourparlers*. M. Briand added that it was as yet unconfirmed that M. Karakhan had lauded the attempt upon Governor-General Merliu; but if the Ambassador really had done so, the French Government would insist on a penalty. M. Outrey said he himself was satisfied at the explanation.—*Havas*.

## MR. MIX.

## A MAN WHO HAS SHOWN WHAT GREATNESS IS.

"Once upon a time the world knew nothing of its greatest men, says a Home writer. But we have changed all that. The great men of our time take no chances. If the world does not know everything about them, and a little more, the world has only itself to blame. Consider the exemplary, instructive case of Mr. Thomas Mix. Before he reached England's shores recently there was among the vulgar a strange, indefinable feeling that something was going to happen. They could not remember what or who it was, but they had a notion of having read somewhere about somebody. Such are the foundations of fame."

Then Mr. Mix came. He was seen. We were conquered. So, with a glow of gratification, we learn from the lyrical narratives of what happened at Southampton, at Waterloo, at the Mansion House, Mayors and Deputy-Mayors and Lord Mayors and children flock about him, and there is no hiding the photographers, and even the stock-collectors (if this be credible) show signs of interest. Mr. Mix has done his best for them all. Whether it was Nature or art which made him "a bulky-looking man," we cannot guess; but it must be a source of exquisite satisfaction to us all that he should adorn that business with a shirt of silk, boots of "elaborately stamped leather," and a belt fastened by a buckle of diamonds. Thus should bulky-looking heroes come among us.

Was it for him to disembark like ordinary mortals? It was not. Mr. Mix landed on horseback, riding his own steed down the ship's gangway. The reckless daring of this exploit leaves us breathless. Not even for the photographers should such deeds be ventured. But Mr. Mix has brought not only a horse; he has a wife, too, and a daughter, and "a retinue of secretaries." Every body but the secretaries got into the photographs. Yet perhaps they also have a reason for existence. A special train was required to bring Mr. Mix from Southampton to London, a "small fleet of taxis" to carry him to his hotel. Nothing less than the broadcasting system sufficed for him to publish his opinion of us and our country. The relief at finding that it was favourable, nay, laudatory, cannot be expressed without emotion. Never before have we had it so impressed upon us that a great man had been. Never have we understood so clearly what greatness is.



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## FORENSIC ELOQUENCE.

### GOOD STORIES OF THE LEGAL PROFESSION.

Such a splendid field for the exercise of eloquence as the Law Courts provide, coupled with the stories told of great lawyers of the past who held audiences spellbound by their oratory, leads naturally to the expectation that at Temple Bar the silver speech will be found in its highest development. The facts somewhat contradict that idea. Hard would be the task of finding a single practising counsel of the present day of whom it could truthfully be said that, by reason of his gifts of speech alone, he enthralled listeners. Forensic oratory is not only a sadly neglected but a rapidly decaying art. The law makes no demand for rhetoric, and has remarkably few even moderately good rhetoricians. The law student may be advised, but he is not compelled, to study and practise eloquence. He daily sees around him men at the Bar who have achieved success, not through their oratorical powers but in spite of a very unworthy substitute for them, and, drawing the moral, he avoids the study. The situation was well put by Sir Roland Vaughan-Williams in the Court of Appeal some years ago. When inviting the Lord Moulton (then Mr. Moulton, K.C.) to begin his opening of an appeal on a highly scientific and technical subject with one of his "admirable lectures," he went on, "Eloquence, you know, has ceased to be fashionable, except in patent cases." Now that the great patent lawyer is no more, even that exception might safely be omitted.

Upon this matter, misconception may easily arise, and should therefore be forestalled. It is nowhere suggested that the Law Courts should become the arena of rhetorical exhibitions. The dramatic emotionalism of the stage is not asked for, much less the studied declamation of the ancient lawyer who hired claqueurs to applaud his elaborate periods. Such performances would be ridiculous. But even they could hardly be less distressing than much of the crude address that now amazes listeners. How very few counsel there are, and they by no means confined to the seniors, who have the gift of clear and concise expression and narration. Sympathy will readily find an excuse for the verbal offence of the nervous fledgling suddenly called upon to open a case who tells the judge that his leader is "on his legs" in another court, but no excuse seems possible for the experienced learned King's Counsel who once put the following remarkable to a witness as a question:

"Did you—I know you did not, but I am bound to put it to you—on the 25th it was not the 25th—really it was the 24th—it is a mistake in my brief—see the defendant—he is not the defendant—really, he is the plaintiff—there is a counterclaim, but you would not understand it. Yes or no?"

The silent amazement with which the unhappy witness received this question, and the reflection of the astonishment of one in court. Yet, so lightly appraised is lucidity of speech in high legal quarters, that this nameless and now deceased "silk" was afterwards made a county-court judge.

### A JUDGE'S MONOCLE.

Emphatically, choice phrases and elegant diction are not essential aids to success at the Bar. In further proof of this statement is the following verbatim extract taken from a speech made in the Court of Appeal by a certain King's Counsel, a "star" of the profession, who has the deserved honour of being regarded as one of the most popular men at the Bar to-day. The excerpt may be accepted as thoroughly typical of his normal and very peculiar style of delivery:

"At the trial—the close of it—my friend had the advantage of replying upon me, because—because I was placed in the difficulty of putting in—putting in the instrument—single finger trickery—for the purpose of my case all the material—the material was before the jury. There was nothing, that I—nothing that I could call evidence upon. And then going back—going back to what the matter was that was complained of, and looking at what I—looking at what the matter is that is complained of in the libel, I submit that the real question—the real question to which the minds of the jury—the minds of the jury were directed was the question," and so on ad lib.

What the cultivated tongue fails to achieve is sometimes attributed to other instruments—single finger trickery, as by an eyeglass, or a pencil, or a yard of legal tape. Observant people claim to have seen wonderful impressions made upon juries and witnesses by these simple, silent forces. They may be right or wrong. But the writer can supply a concrete illustration from his own observation of having played upon the argument of a certain "silk" by the interposition of a judge's monocle. Again, the incident is drawn from the Court of Appeal. The judge was Sir Robert Romer, who was accustomed to use a monocle. One day the counsel submitted to the Court a particularly subtle argument. When the drift of this was perceived by Sir Robert, he hastily placed his lens in position, bent forward, and looked intently at counsel—did nothing more; spoke not a word. The effect was instantaneous. Counsel paused, showed signs of distress, then quietly observed: "Oh! Well, if your lordship thinks like that there is nothing more to be said," and sat down. No language could have been more eloquent than that gleaming disc of glass.

Forensic oratory suffers dreadfully from that dreary unemotionalism which places the style of speech and the subject entirely out of harmony. There are lawyers who treat atrocious fraud, simple accident, and comic episode as on the same plane, and apply to them the same colour medium. Once a cyclist brought an action to recover damages for personal injuries caused by a stray fowl upsetting his machine. There was an elo-

ment of humour in the episode to which attention would not have been out of place, or damaging to the plaintiff. But the matter was in the hands of a very serious-minded counsel, who opened the case as perfunctorily as if it involved a charge of manslaughter. In monotonous drone he thus began:

"This, my lord, is not a story of an ordinary fowl straying on the highway and causing an accident. It is a story, my lord, of a chicken deliberately flying out of a hedge into the spokes of my client's bicycle wheel, and precipitating him to the ground. I hope to be able to show, my lord, beyond all shadow of doubt, that my client was in no way to blame, but that the defendant was culpably negligent in permitting his fowls to run loose in such a way as to imperil the lives of his Majesty's subjects."

The presiding judge was so acutely moved by this horrifying picture of malicious chickenhood that he hid his emotion for a moment behind a sheltering hand.

### "THE BANDS BEFORE"

Admittedly, there is some excuse to be found for the specific style of eloquence of the average equity lawyer, constantly plunged, as he is, in subjects for the most part depressing. The reading of deplorable documents with oft-repeated phrases hour after hour has a deadening effect. Thank the gods, the Court is, in such circumstances, the counsel ventures a circumlocution and claims in justification, as he has sometimes done, the precedent of Daniel and growing weary of repeating the phrase "the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and dulcimer," is said to have substituted "and the band as before."

Sooner or later it is observed by those who frequently visit the Law Courts that power and dignity are often lost at the Bar, not through lack of eloquence, but through some fault of delivery or action. This is mainly seen when counsel are on the stubby field of cross-examination. Take our friend of mercenary temperament, for instance. Up he jumps the moment his turn comes, raises his drooping gown to his shoulders, and thus challenges the witness: "Now listen to me, sir, and let us get at the truth, sir." His way of getting at the truth is to violate Baron Alderson's dictum that "the art of cross-examination is not to examine crossly." He throws tact to the winds, will have nothing to do with sweet investigation; treats the witness as an enemy and a potential perjurer. He has a long list of questions, and an unhappy way of putting them. It would seem that answers are the last thing he desires, for he has no patience to wait for them. Perhaps the witness gets excited too, and a mystifying story is built up. This type of advocate has the failing of the general who pursues the enemy too far. He falls into difficulties, and is liable to be ambushed. Very likely he extracts an answer which serves him to be satisfied and put it to the best use in his concluding speech. But he is not discreet. He is hot on the trail and blind to danger. He puts more questions on the same point, and the witness, beginning to suspect that he has been unwary and has said too much, wriggles away, and so the advantage counsel had gained is half surrendered.

Contrast this method with that of the cool and tactful counsel. He works placidly along vulnerable paths, attempts no falls by sheer force, but accomplishes them by the loss. He is the exponent of forensic jujitsu as opposed to the catch-as-catch-can style—never hurried, never overbearing, never offensively abrupt. An assumption of friendly consideration for the adverse witness gives him footing at the outset. To render assistance over difficult ground would appear to be his main concern. "Come, come," he will shortly say when the witness's memory is at fault, "let me see if I can help you." If he then fails to get the answer he has set his mind upon, he shows no anger. But a terrible tonality is his forte. Depend upon it, he will soon be approaching the same goal by another route. Should he gain it, he expresses no conquering satisfaction, but most likely utters a composed "Ah! I am sorry, Mr. Blank. It has taken us such a long time to get so far. Perhaps it was my fault." It is then too late for Mr. Blank to deny it; but he is inwardly tormented. To persuade the victim into weaving the bonds that are to enwrap him is, after all, the high art of cross-examination, and though success may sometimes come through methods which, because of their shyness, are by many people considered "smart," it is never so certain as when sought by sober methods.

### TEARFUL COUNSEL.

Tears are eloquent, and "the tear that flows for others' woes" may be considered a delicate weapon in the armoury of emotional counsel whose vocabulary is exhausted. In at least one place, the list of prizeable legal attainments, Records state that the Supreme Court of Tennessee has laid it down that counsel's tears are a legitimate and even desirable weapon of advocacy on appropriate occasions. A plaintiff in that breeding-place of original ideas once alleged that the tearful address of the defendant's counsel had unduly weighed with the jury, and the appellate Court, after hearing argument on the point, in effect came to this decision:

"Tears have always been considered a legitimate argument before a jury. To have recourse to them would appear to be one of the natural rights of counsel, which no court or constitution could take away. Indeed, if counsel has them at hand, it may seriously be questioned whether it is not his professional duty to shed them if proper occasion arises. But he must not by so doing impede or delay the business of the court."

So it is not, to be tolerated, even in Tennessee, that the Court should stand adjourned untillachrymose counsel has recovered composure.

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It has been deemed that the tunic shall remain, with us, though it must evince some hint of a waist line, even if only by a low belt or flat swathed sash.

Afternoon gowns depart but an iota from the jumper-dress, retaining the classic simplicity but differing in that they possess pleated side panels, flat or gathered aprons, or open on to an embroidered under-dress.

A Bond Street firm shows some delightful examples of these gowns, one very popular model being carried out in blue maroon with close fitting sleeves, a low waist line, and a flat pleated bodice beginning at the right side-front and being carried round to the left side back.

For dull days we choose all shades of grey, beige and honey and dull wines with an occasional hock-bottle green and, as ever, black; whilst for sunny days we may wear leaf-greens, all shades of hyacinth and a variety of blues.

Remotely or directly, all these statements and anecdotes have a bearing on the suggestion made at the outset, that too little attention is paid now-a-days to forensic eloquence. How many members of the Bar have made such a systematic study of elocution as did its doyen, Sir Edward Clarke, K.C., whose musical voice and choice diction have so often captivated Court listeners, but are now, unfortunately, never heard. Some of his narratives in opening a case were models of form and delivery. Sir Edward has himself told how he acquired such excellence, and, incidentally, how neglectful have been the Inns of Court in the matter. Here are his words when speaking of his student days:

There was another study to which I seriously devoted myself. It was the study of rhetoric, an art so valuable, indeed, so essential to the advocate who wishes to be something more than a desultory prattler, that one would think no pressure would be needed to induce the Inns of Court to teach it, or to induce students to learn and practise it. But there is no teaching at the Inns; the Benchers for the most part never studied it themselves, and have managed to get on without it; and I have found students so well satisfied with their own capacity for saying whatever they want to say, that I have almost invariably failed to persuade them to acquire one of the pleasantest and certainly the best kind of the art. It is probable that with the advent of women counsel at the Law Courts the refinements of oratory, for which advocacy is so admirable a vehicle, will more often be heard!—The Daily Telegraph.

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## SHIPPING NEWS

## ARRIVALS.

**June 3rd.**  
**Anker**, Chinese str., 302 tons, Capt. S. Sano, from Dairen, with a cargo of coal, lying at buoy No. 430—M.B.K.  
**Chinlan**, British str., 1,331 tons, Capt. R. Ashby, from Bangkok and Hong Kong, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. 425—B. & S.  
**Penglu**, Chinese str., 1,230 tons, Capt. T. Maru, from Saigon, with a cargo of rice, lying at buoy No. 419—Yue Tai Hong.  
**Alouha**, British str., from Canton, lying at buoy No. 418.  
**Kwai Sang**, British str., 1,430 tons, Capt. K. W. van Gortlandt, from Bangkok and Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. 415—Jardine, Matheson & Co.  
**Mannan**, British str., 1,380 tons, Capt. D. Linn Evans, from Newport, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. 414—B. & S.  
**Banah**, Portuguese str., 447 tons, Capt. C. Pimental, from Tourane and Hong Kong, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. 413—Tat Sing & Co.  
**Regio**, Japanese str., 1,081 tons, Capt. J. Horike, from Dairen, with a cargo of coal, lying at buoy No. 412—M.B.K.  
**Santa Maria**, Japanese str., 1,208 tons, Capt. A. Saito, from Keelung, with a cargo of coal, lying at buoy No. 411—M.B.K.  
**Tunglu**, Chinese str., from Canton, lying at buoy No. 410.  
**June 4th.**  
**Banka**, Dutch str., 1,049 tons, Capt. C. J. H. van der Meer, from Bangkok, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. 409—J. H. M. M. & Co.  
**Jasmin**, British str., 1,517 tons, Capt. T. Yasukawa, from Shanghai and Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. 408—N.Y.K.  
**Jasmin**, Norwegian str., from Canton, lying at buoy No. 407.  
**President Wilson**, American str., 3,819 tons, Capt. Henry Nelson, from Manila, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon wharf—Pacific Mail S.S. Co.  
**Stratton**, British str., 1,421 tons, Capt. A. McLean, from Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. 423—Cheong Hoo & Co.  
**Sunlight**, British str., 1,175 tons, Capt. G. D. Mills, from Shanghai and Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. 414—B. & S.  
**Ta Ning**, British str., 1,122 tons, Capt. R. C. Thompson, from Shanghai and Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at West Point wharf—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

## CLEARANCES.

**June 4th.**  
**Anker**, for Canton.  
**Banka**, for Hong Kong.  
**Chinlan**, for Weihaiwei.  
**Manan**, for Taichow.  
**Hydrogen**, for Swatow.  
**Kwai Sang**, for Canton.  
**Jasmin**, for Canton.  
**Penglu**, for Saigon.  
**Phenomenon**, for Saigon.  
**President Wilson**, for Saigon.  
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**Sunlight**, for Kwang Chou Wan.  
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**Tunglu**, for Hong Kong.  
**Tunglu**, for Swatow.  
**Tunglu**, for Singapore.  
**Wahsing**, for Kwang Chou Wan.

## PASSENGERS.

**ARRIVALS.**  
 Per s.s. **President Wilson**, on June 4th: Mr. Geo. L. Beach, Mr. L. M. Harris, Mr. C. W. Hart, Mr. R. E. Humphreys, Mr. S. H. Hinch, Mr. W. H. Ker, Mr. J. J. Smith, Mr. J. Thom, Mr. Jas. Connelly, Mr. J. P. Thornton, Mr. B. Frank, Mr. D. C. Chan, Mr. A. M. Kenyon, Mr. E. K. Kong, Mr. T. J. Crawford, Mr. C. D. Crawford, Mr. H. H. Ritter, Mr. W. M. Vaughn, Miss E. A. Musgrave, and Mr. Y. Y. Tong.

## SHIPPING MOVEMENTS.

The **Empress of Australia**, which was due in port on Wednesday afternoon has been further delayed by fog and therefore did not arrive in the Harbour yesterday. She is now due to berth at the Kowloon Wharf this morning at 8 a.m. The **R.M.S. Empress of Russia** arrived at Kowloon on June 4th at 6.30 a.m., left on the same day at 4 p.m., and is due at Yokohama to-day at 8 p.m. The s.s. **Diomed** (Blue Funnel Line), for Boston, New York and Baltimore left Wharfedale on June 2nd for Hong Kong, and is due to arrive here at daylight this morning. The vessel will be despatched at daylight on the 7th inst. The s.s. **Vesta** (Blue Funnel Line), for London, Rotterdam and Hamburg left Shanghai on June 3rd for Hong Kong, and is due to arrive here on the 10th. The vessel will be despatched at 4 p.m. on the 8th inst. The s.s. **Leopold** (Blue Funnel Line), arrived at London on June 1st. The s.s. **Hecla** (Blue Funnel Line), arrived at Marseilles on June 1st. The s.s. **Tydeus** (Blue Funnel Line), arrived at Boston on June 2nd. The s.s. **Antilope** (Blue Funnel Line), left Liverpool on May 30th, for Straits, Hong Kong, Shanghai, Moji, Kobe and Yokohama, and is due at Hong Kong on or about July 6th. The s.s. **Teaser** (Blue Funnel Line), arrived at Liverpool on June 1st. The s.s. **Beaumont** (Blue Funnel Line), left Middlesbrough for London and London, left Singapore for Hong Kong, via Manila, on May 30th, and may be expected here on June 9th.

## VESSELS ADVERTISED AS LOADING

DESTINATION	VESSEL'S NAME	FLAG	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED
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New York & Boston	Celtic Prince	Brit.	Princes Line	On 13th inst.
New York & Boston via Suez	Edmund Castle	Brit.	Dodwell & Co., Ltd.	On 28th inst.
New York, Boston & Baltimore	Diomed	Brit.	The Bank Line, Ltd.	On 7th inst.
BANGKOK, VALENCIA, ANTWERP, ROTTERDAM, &c.	Samira	Swed.	Gilman & Co.	About 5th inst.
Boston, New York & Baltimore via Suez	Diomed	Brit.	Butterfield & Swire	On 7th inst.
Boston, New York & Baltimore via Suez	Katuna	Brit.	The Bank Line, Limited	On 19th inst.
SAN FRANCISCO via SHANGHAI & JAP. PORTS & HONG KONG	President Wilson	Am.	Pacific Mail S.S. Co.	On 12th inst.
VICTORIA, SEATTLE & VANCOUVER via J. PORTS	Empress Australia	Brit.	Canadian Pacific O. S. Ltd.	On 12th inst.
VICTORIA, VANCOUVER & SEATTLE	Iyo Maru	Jap.	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 30th inst.
SEATTLE & VICTORIA via SHANGHAI, KORE & YOKOHAMA	Tydena	Jap.	Butterfield & Swire	On 14th inst.
MARSEILLES, LONDON, ANTWERP & HULL	President Jackson	Am.	Admiral Oriental Line	On 10th inst.
MARSEILLES, LONDON, ANTWERP & HULL	Stella	Brit.	P. & O. B. I. & A. L.	On 10th inst.
MARSEILLES, LONDON, ANTWERP & HULL	Angkor	Brit.	Butterfield & Swire	On 7th July
MARSEILLES, LONDON, ANTWERP & HULL	Portico	Brit.	Butterfield & Swire	On 9th inst.
MARSEILLES, LONDON, ANTWERP & HULL	Chantilly	Brit.	Butterfield & Swire	On 9th inst.
MARSEILLES, LONDON, ANTWERP & HULL	Hakozaki Maru	Jap.	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 11th inst.
HAYRE, LONDON, RYDM & HAMBURG	Sutton Hall	Brit.	The Bank Line, Ltd.	On 11th inst.
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STRAITS & CALCUTTA	Kunming	Brit.	Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.	On 3th inst.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	Takada	Brit.	P. & O. B. I. & A. L.	On 3th inst.
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SINGAPORE & BELAWAN-DELL	Scilla	Brit.	P. & O. B. I. & A. L.	On 10th inst.
BRINDISI, VENICE & TRIESTE	Van Oloon	Brit.	Dodwell & Co., Ltd.	On 1st July
BRINDISI, VENICE & TRIESTE	Venezia	Brit.	Butterfield & Swire	On 8th inst.
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AUSTRALIAN PORTS	Aratara	Brit.	P. & O. B. I. & A. L.	On 8th July
AUSTRALIAN PORTS	Changsha	Brit.	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 13th inst.
SHANGHAI, KORE & YOKOHAMA	Washington Maru	Brit.	Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.	On 8th inst.
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SHANGHAI, KORE & YOKOHAMA	Souda	Brit.	P. & O. B. I. & A. L.	On 4th July
SHANGHAI, KORE & YOKOHAMA	St. Albans	Brit.	P. & O. B. I. & A. L.	On 12th inst.
SHANGHAI, KORE & YOKOHAMA	Delta	Brit.	Dodwell & Co., Ltd.	About 10th inst.
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YOKOHAMA, SHANGHAI, KORE & MOJI	President Wilson	Am.	Pacific Mail S.S. Co.	On 11th inst.
YOKOHAMA, SHANGHAI, KORE & MOJI	Empress Asia	Brit.	Canadian Pacific O. S. Ltd.	On 17th inst.
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YOKOHAMA, SHANGHAI, KORE & MOJI	President McKinley	Am.	Admiral Oriental Line	On 6th inst.

## SHIPPING NOTES.

Harbour Office reports showed that for the 24 hours ended 2 a.m. yesterday there were thirteen arrivals and sixteen departures, against fourteen arrivals and 16 departures for the previous 24 hours. Of the arrivals, four were British, two Japanese, one American, one Portuguese, one Dutch, one Norwegian and three Chinese. The total number of vessels in the Harbour at 9 a.m. yesterday were 53 of which 32 were British.

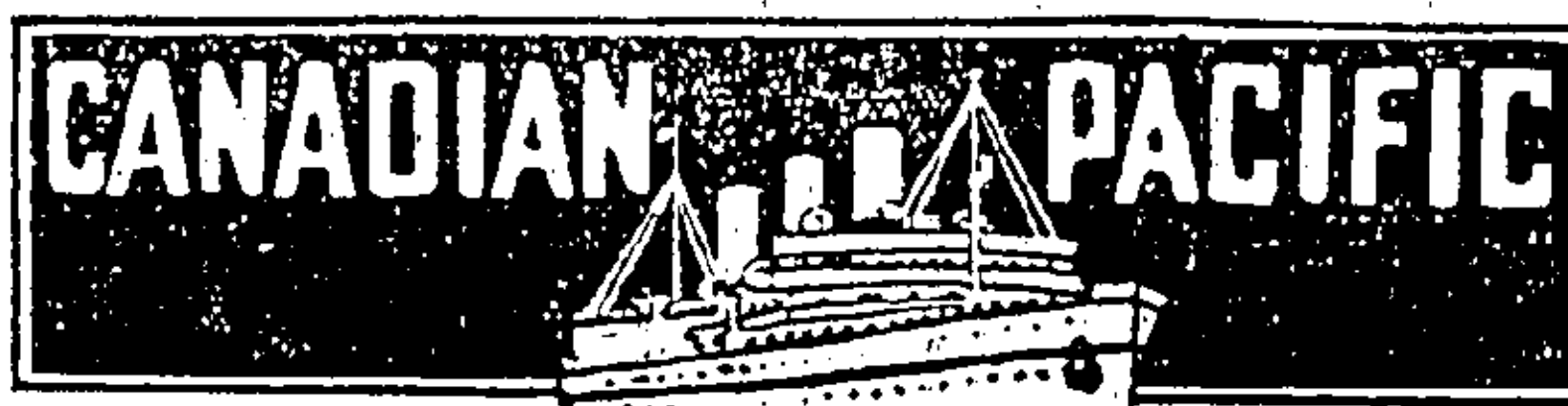
The Singapore agents of the Rotterdam Lloyd Royal Mail Line have received a telegram from home, informing them that an order has been placed with the Koninklijke Maatschappij van Werktuigenfabriek te Schiedam in Friesland for a new motor ship of 12,000 tons gross, to be delivered about the middle of 1927. This is the second motor built-ship ordered by the company; the first one was the *Indrapura*, which is expected to arrive in Singapore on October 21st next.

Mails arriving in the Colony during Tuesday, Wednesday and yesterday were brought in as under. From Osaka and Amoy: s.s. *Kan Sang* (two bags); Swatow: s.s. *Hydrogen* (two bags); Keelung and Swatow: s.s. *Hagen Maru* (21 bags); Hamburg and Singapore: s.s. *Mannan* (52 bags); Bangkok and Swatow: s.s. *President Wilson* (9 bags). The Master of the s.s. *Mannan* from Hamburg and Singapore enters danger on goods on board as being 175 casks of saltpetre.

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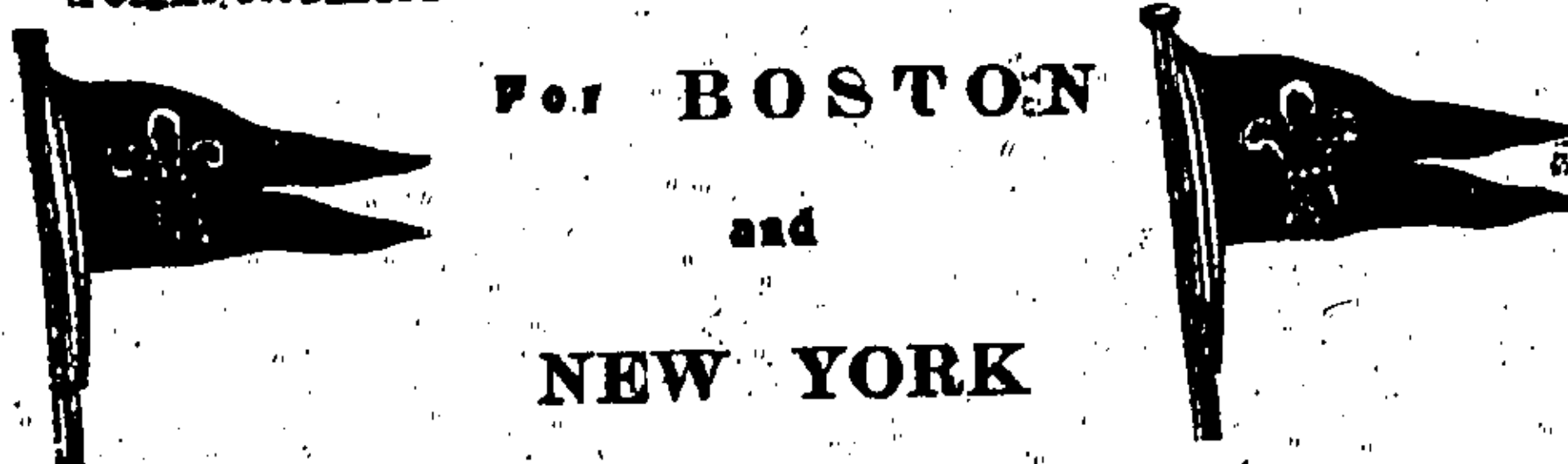
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"JEYPORE"	8,218	17th June	Singapore & Bombay.
"MIRZAPUR"	8,715	20th June	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'way
"MALWA"	10,841	23rd June	Marseilles & London
"NAGPORE"	8,535	26th June	Singapore, Penang & Bombay.
"DELTA"	8,297	29th July	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'way
"KASHMIR"	8,835	11th July	Mars, London, Antwerp & Hull
"MANTUA"	10,802	14th July	Marseilles & London
"SOUDAN"	8,696	8th Aug.	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'way
"KASHGAR"	9,006	8th Aug.	Marseilles, London & A'werp.
"MACEDONIA"	11,088	22nd Aug.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'way
"SICILIA"	8,813	23rd Sept.	Marseilles & London
"NARKUNDA"	10,827	26th Sept.	Marseilles, London & A'werp.
"KEYSER"	9,114	19th Sept.	Marseilles & London
"MALWA"	8,133	3rd Oct.	Marseilles, London & A'werp.
"KALYAN"	10,841	17th Oct.	Marseilles & London
"KASHGAR"	9,135	31st Oct.	Marseilles, London & A'werp.
"MANTUA"	10,802	14th Nov.	Marseilles & London
"KALYAN"	8,144	28th Nov.	Marseilles, London & A'werp.
"MOREA"	10,811	12th Dec.	Marseilles & London.

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"TAKADA"	8,948	8th June, 1 p.m.	Straits & Calcutta.
"TILAWA"	10,000	5th July	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
"TALAMBA"	8,018	12th July	do.
"TAKLIWA"	7,338	23rd July	do.

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"ARAFURA"	8,000	8th July	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday
"ST. ALBANS"	4,600	14th Aug.	Island, Townsville, Brisbane
"TANDA"	8,948	2nd Sept.	Sydney & Melbourne.
"ARAFURA"	8,000	7th Oct.	
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"TANDA"	8,948	2nd Dec.	

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"DELTA"	8,297	13th June	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
"ARAFURA"	8,000	14th June	Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
"TILAWA"	10,000	14th June	Kobe
"TALAMBA"	8,018	14th June	Kobe
"MANTUA"	10,802	28th June	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
"TAKLIWA"	7,338	28th June	Kobe
"ST. ALBANS"	4,600	7th July	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
"KASHGAR"	9,006	10th July	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
"MACEDONIA"	11,088	24th July	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
"KASHGAR"	9,144	7th Aug.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
"SICILIA"	8,813	7th Aug.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
"TANDA"	8,948	8th Aug.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
"NARKUNDA"	10,827	21st Aug.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
"KASHGAR"	9,006	4th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
"DELTA"	8,297	12th Sept.	Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
"ARAFURA"	8,000	18th Sept.	Shanghai & Kobe
"MALWA"	10,841	2nd Oct.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
"KASHGAR"	9,135	2nd Oct.	Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
"SOUDAN"	8,696	10th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
"ST. ALBANS"	4,600	17th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
"MANTUA"	10,802	1st Nov.	Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
"KALYAN"	8,144	7th Nov.	Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
"TANDA"	8,948	14th Nov.	Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
"MOREA"	10,811	28th Nov.	do.
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WUHAIR, SWATOW & TIENTSIN	"HUICHOW"	On 6th June, 4 p.m.
HOIHOW & SHANGHAI	"CHINHUA"	On 6th June, 11 a.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"SUNNING"	On 7th June, 11 a.m.
SWATOW & HANGKOW	"KIANGSU"	On 7th June, 11 a.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"SINKIANG"	On 8th June, 5 p.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"KIUNGCHOW"	On 8th June, 11 a.m.
SWATOW, AMOY & SHANGHAI	"ANKING"	On 9th June, Noon.
SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"KANGHOU"	On 10th June, Noon.
HOIHOW, PAKHOI & HAI-PHONG	"SUTYANG"	On 11th June, 11 a.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"TAMING"	On 11th June, Noon.
HOIHOW & HANGKOW	"TEAN"	On 12th June, 11 a.m.
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ANGKOR	7th May, 1925	8th June, 1925	7th July, "
COMPAGNE	22nd May, "	23rd June, "	31st July, "
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